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★ Abilene State Supported Living Center ★

OUR MISSION:
To empower people to make choices
that result in a life of dignity and
increased independence.

AbSSLC News

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Week of November 16th, 2020

Mandatory COVID19 Testing

Monday, November 16th and Wednesday, November 18th

5:30am-11:30am & 1:00pm-3:00pm

We are testing 2x per week – you must test both days, even if it's your day off

What happens if ...

I was driving from the entrance gate to my home. When I stopped at the stop sign at Plum & 1st one of the guys that lives here ran up and kept trying to open my car door. What should I have done?

*This happens occasionally. Make sure your doors are locked and **don't** attempt to drive away. If you have your cell phone, immediately call the Switchboard (795-3900) for help – just tell the operator what is going on and they will get someone to you. If you don't have a cell phone you can honk your horn once or twice to help get attention of staff. Always remember that the safety of the Individual is the most important thing.*

The "What happens if ..." article will be a new (and occasional) addition to the newsletter. Obviously, each situation is different but hopefully this will give you some general guidelines. Never hesitate to ask your supervisor if you have concerns/questions!

Closures

The **Lone Star Coffee & Tea House**, the **(World Famous) 5th Street Diner** along with the **Activity Centers, Work Centers & Recreation** will remain closed for the next 2 weeks. Our hope is to reopen on Monday, November 30th.

It is very hard on everyone to keep areas closed but this is for the safety of those that live and work at AbSSLC. Please continue to do your part by wearing your mask, wash/sanitize your hands & high-touch surfaces and maintain social distancing. It does make a difference!

Calling in Sick

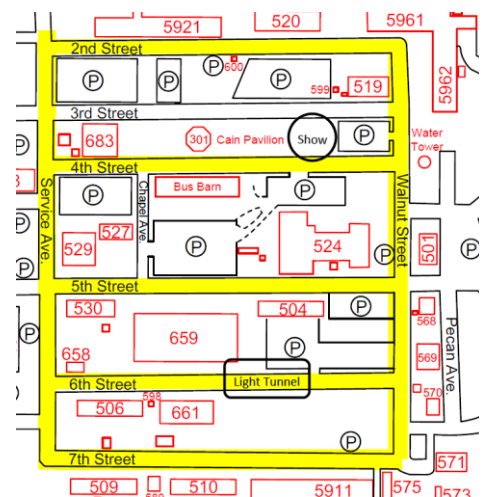
- If you are calling in for any kind of illness, you **MUST** call the Nursing Hotline **FIRST**. If you or anyone in your household is tested for COVID-19 you must call the Nursing Hotline immediately. You can reach this line by dialing **INFO (x4636)** from any campus phone or by calling **692-4053 x4636** from off-campus.
- You must also contact Risk Management after you call the Nursing Hotline.**

(Not So) Christmas Lane (Lane)

Although Christmas Lane had to be cancelled due to COVID19, we still want to provide something special those that live here to enjoy ... so **(Not So) Christmas Lane (Lane)** is born!

Since we can't allow visitors on campus, we are asking each home & department to do a display that will brighten the sky in Abilene (or at least at AbSSLC)! The bigger & more elaborate the better!

We will be using the area on the SE corner of campus for our displays – see map to the right. Please contact Shae Butts via email or at x3547 to reserve your spot. COVID19 has been hard on everyone for many reasons but this is one way to help make a difference! Prizes will be awarded for the Top 3 displays!



Shout Outs!

The Infection Control Department would like to send a shout out to **all the men who have willingly shaved their beards** in order to be fit tested for the N95 masks so that they could take care of our residents.

Shout Out to the **10-6 staff at 6521 Peach!** The staff work and communicate well with each other. They also make sure the individuals are well taken care of when they are making their rounds.

A big Shout Out to **Rachel Schalk (Behavior Services)**. She is a fantastic BHS, who puts her heart and soul into serving the young men. She is truly passionate about her job, and ensuring she provides the best care for them through her job. She is an excellent example of having a compassionate heart/mind for the people we serve.

I would like to give a Shout Out to ALL the **Maintenance staff** who have moved resident's belongings from their home to their temporary living arrangements at the "COVID Homes". Also, to all the **home staff** moved to care for the residents and provide coverage at other homes due to the numbers of staff out sick. Everyone on the "Front Line" should be proud of the work you do! The long hours and loss of sleep are nothing compared to knowing at the end of the day YOU WERE SOMEONE'S HERO TODAY! Be proud of the work you do and remember to the people we serve we are all they have at this moment in time. **Thank You to ALL the Home Staff!**

I would like to give a shout out to **Vocational Services**. They participated in the pumpkin carving contest and are now in the process of decorating for the Christmas season. We have so many that work there that love the people we work for. Some willing to go the extra mile to make someone's heart feel full at the end of the day. I'm proud to tell people what I do. I'm proud to tell people how I can help another soul smile. Thank you so much for giving us a chance to help others that need us the most.

Shout out to all staff from **Activity Centers**. The residents do really appreciate y'all for engaging them in all kinds of activities to do.

Shout Out!

Have you seen someone do the above & beyond or just want to recognize great work?

It's easy to give a Shout Out!

- "Reply" to any of the update texts you receive through the AskAdmin Text Group
- Text it directly to 325.370.4525
- Email Jeff Goza with their name and your comments.

Let's **Shout Out** and recognize others!